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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0788

E.O. 11692: GDS

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT: FURTHER DETAILS ON FRONT EFFORTS TO DISRUPT REVOLUTION DAY

REF: ASMARA 0780D

1. LIGHT, SPORADIC FIRING FRIDAY APPARENTLY INCLUDED ROCKETS
LAUNCHED BY FRONT AGAINST EDIBLE OIL PLANT AND MATCH FACTORY
ON NORTHERN EDGE OF ASMARA. REPORTEDLY DAMAGE TO OIL
PLANT WAS NEGLIGIBLE, WHILE DAMAGE TO MATCH FACTORY WAS
MORE EXTENSIVE.

2. SATURDAY MORNING (SEPT 13) BOMB ATTACKS BY FRONT SAPPERS
WERE APPARENTLY PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST MARCHERS WHO WERE
FORMING UP IN SUBURBS FOR REVOLUTION DAY PARADE. THERE LERE
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FOUR SUCH ATTACKS, WITH THE BOMBS CAUSING FEW MINOR CASUALTIES, WHILE

NERVOUS EPMG SECURITY FORCES RETALIATING
WITH RANDOM FIRE ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF LOSSES. CASUALTIES
REPORTS VARY FROM NINE TO 20 KILLED, AND OVER 50 WOUNDED.
IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THESE BOMBS, SEVERAL OF WHICH THROWN
NEAR HIS HOME, WHICH UNNERVED ITALIAN CONSUL GENERAL (ASMARQU776).

3. LOCAL CONTACTS EMPHASIZED SENSELESSNESS OF FRONT EFFORTS
AGAINST WHOLLY NONPOLITICAL MARCHERS, AND DISPLAYED SOME
DISGUST AT SUCH TACTICS, WHICH ONLY RESULT IN POINTLESS
SLAUGHTER.
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